

Renner Farm
CH-612
Waldorf vic.
Private

Circa 1924

The Renner Farm, consisting of a dwelling surrounded by several outbuildings is a good example of a small late Victorian farmstead in Charles County. The dwelling resembles a modest center gable I-house, which was a popular plan for small farm families during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Two stories high, one room deep, with a one story shed porch and an L- addition to the rear, the dwelling was probably built by Frank Sadler around 1925. In that year Sadler purchased 42 acres from an early land development corporation known as The Farms Company of Maryland who subdivided hundreds of acres in the Waldorf area into farmettes during the twenties and thirties. Since 1936 it has been owned and occupied by the Renner family.

The house is also surrounded by several typical barns and outbuildings including two tobacco barns, a corncrib and a shed. Together these buildings form a good representation of Charles County's rural heritage. Small farms accounted for one-third of all farms in the county during the early twentieth century.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Renner House
other	Dwelling, 3810 Renner Road

2. Location

street and number	3810 Renner Road	not for publication
city, town	Waldorf	x vicinity
county	Charles	

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Margaret Renner, et al				
street and number	3810 Renner Road			telephone	301-645-5345
city, town	Waldorf	state	MD	zip code	20602-3108

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Charles County Courthouse	tax map and parcel:	15-12-151
city, town	LaPlata	liber	2667 folio 380

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
___ district	___ public	___ agriculture	Contributing
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	___ commerce/trade	Noncontributing
___ structure	___ both	___ defense	1
___ site		<u>x</u> domestic	5
___ object		___ education	3
		___ funerary	6
		___ government	3
		___ health care	
		___ industry	
		___ landscape	
		___ recreation/culture	
		___ religion	
		___ social	
		___ transportation	
		___ work in progress	
		___ unknown	
		___ vacant/not in use	
		___ other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Renner House was built circa 1924 and is located on the west side of Renner Road near the intersection with Route 5. Situated upon a hill with open fields to the east, this site includes a few scattered mature trees surrounded by a denser forested area. The site consists of a late Victorian, center gable I-house and an assortment of outbuildings including two tobacco barns, two sheds, two garages, a workshop, corncrib or granary and a non-contributing trailer.

The dwelling, which faces east, is a two story three bay frame I-house with a central projecting gable and a one story full length porch. A two-story cross gable wing projects from the rear elevation, creating an L-plan. The house is supported on a solid concrete block foundation. Wall surfaces are covered with asphalt sheeting. The side gable roof is treated with standing seam metal sheathing. The cornice is open. The roofline is broken by one central interior chimney and an exterior concrete block chimney located at the rear wing elevation.

The façade is characterized by a one story shed porch supported by replacement metal poles. Currently, the principal entrance is near the south wall and consists of a single panel and light wood door. A second, probably original, door is centrally located on the first floor. Windows are vertically symmetrical and appear to be original consisting of double-hung sash 2/2 lights with square edged wood surrounds. Second story fenestration includes three identical windows. Within the gabled pediment is a small four light arched attic window.

The north elevation consists of the gable wall of original construction, and the eave wall of the two story kitchen wing. Centered under the gable ridge is a single first floor window with an identical one above. Under the eave wall of the rear wing are two additional windows, one above the other.

The south elevation is composed of a one-story shed addition that wraps around and terminates at the existing west wing wall.

OUTBUILDINGS

Two tobacco barns are located in front of the dwelling to the north and south and probably date to the early twentieth century. Both roof ridges run on a north/south axis. Each features a metal roof, vertical board siding and three lighting rods on the roof ridge. The northernmost structure has significantly deteriorated. The southernmost barn has been altered with the addition of a pent shed roof over the gable-end barn doors. This barn has also been reclad with new vertical boards.

Two small square wooden frame structures are located to the north of the dwelling. Both are front gable structures. The larger of the two is a vertically clad, metal roof structure which may have originally been used as either a corncrib or a granary. The smaller structure has an open wall on the southern façade providing the only access into the interior. This structure is clad with German siding. The frame is supported by a concrete block foundation. It appears that this structure was moved from another location.

To the rear of the dwelling is a frame shed with a sloping metal roof and a paneled wood door. The structure is clad with asphalt sheeting and also features several wooden windows.

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To the northeast of the frame shed is a non-contributing concrete block garage, two bays in length with large modern garage doors and a metal roof.

Other non-contributing structures include a concrete block shed located to the southeast of the dwelling, and a concrete block workshop and metal trailer flanking the northernmost tobacco barn described above.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	Circa 1924	Architect	Unknown
Construction dates	Circa 1924	Builder	Unknown

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Renner House site, circa 1924, is a good example of a small late Victorian farmstead in Charles County. The dwelling resembles a modest center gable I-house, which was a common plan chosen by small farm families during the last quarter of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The house is also surrounded by several typical barns and outbuildings including two tobacco barns, corncrib/granary and shed. Together these buildings form a good representation of a small farm which accounted for one-third of all farms in the county during the early twentieth century.

At the turn of the century this parcel had been part of a 152 acre tract owned by the Edelen family and at one time was a part of the property known as "Betsy's Delight". The dwelling was probably built by Frank Sadler around 1925 who purchased the 42 acres from The Farms Company of Maryland. Since 1936 it has been owned and occupied by the Renner family. Originally consisting of slightly over 42 acres, in 1987 the property was divided to its current acreage of 6 acres. Mrs. Margaret Renner, the current owner, moved here as a young child in the 1930's.

The Renner House displays many of the characteristics of a modest center gable I-house, popular in the United States from 1870-1915. If the dating is correct, this is an interesting late version of the popular form. According to Renner, the dwelling was a former tenant house, originally consisting of four rooms. However, this could not yet be substantiated by the archival documentation. Her father, Emil Renner purchased the property in 1936 and added onto the original I-house by constructing a rear, two story kitchen addition.

Many of the barns and outbuildings are typical of those found on small farms in Charles County during the early twentieth century including two tobacco barns, a corn crib, shed and workshop. In 1930, there were 1,592 farms in Charles County. Roughly 1/3 or 499 of these farms consisted of under fifty acres. After the Civil War farm sizes in the county began to decrease as larger farms were divided into smaller tracts. Farms under fifty acres steadily increased to peak at 728 in 1920.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>42</u>		
Acreage of historical setting	<u>6.412</u>		
Quadrangle name	<u>Waldorf</u>	Quadrangle scale	<u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 3810 Renner Road is associated with Charles County Property Map 15, Grid 12, Parcel 151.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Site Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Department	date	9/5/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state	MD
		zipcode	20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville MD 21032
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Chain of title:

March 29, 1879

Richard H. Edelen, attorney for Edward V. Edelen sold to Edward V. Edelen, (for unpaid mortgage) farm where John Crismond now resides and who obtained property under will of his father John Crismond. **800 a.** Part of "Westwood Manor".

B.G.S 3 Folio 514

January 28, 1918

Edward J. Edelen, et al. to Farms Co. of Maryland Edward J. Edelen acquired property from his father Edward V. Edelen. **42 2/10 a.** See Equity No. 1430.

F.B.M. 32 Folio 520

October 25, 1924

Farmes Company of Maryland and Eastern Shore to Frank Sadler. **42 2/10 a.** Lot laid out by Spence Harold, civil engineer of Baltimore, Sept 1923 recorded in Plat no. 2 WMA No. 42 Folio 104

W.M.A. 43 Folio 88

September 21, 1926

Frank Sadler to DeAlton N. Jennings and wife. Building and improvements. **42 2/10 a.**

W.M.A. 46 Folio 92

March 11, 1936

DeAlton N. Jennings to Emil and Margaret Renner. Lot #11 **42 2/10 a.**

Liber 62 Folio 414

February 20, 1987

Teresa J. Renner to Margaret Renner. Parcel H containing **6.38 a.**

Liber 1190 Folio 51

February 25, 1987

Margaret M. Renner to Margaret Mary Renner. Parcel G **10.234 a.** recorded in PB 29 Folio 201 except H which is **6.38 a.**

Liber 1191 Folio 207

October 15, 1998

Mary M. Renner to Mary M. Renner, Katherine M. Miller, Helen Miller. **6.412 a.**

Liber 2667 Folio 380

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Klaphor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*.
LaPlata, MD. Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 11/18/99

North arrow:



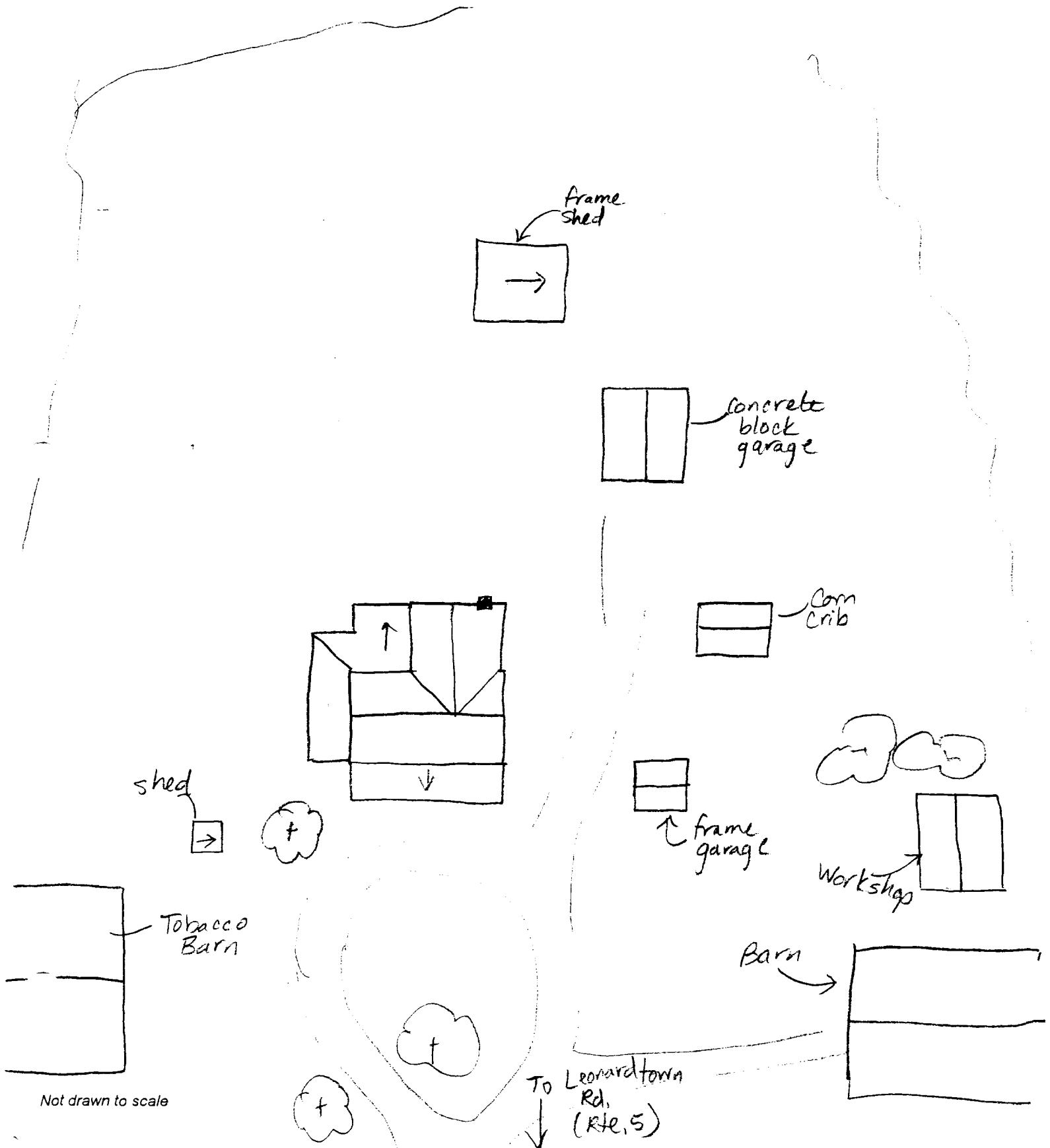
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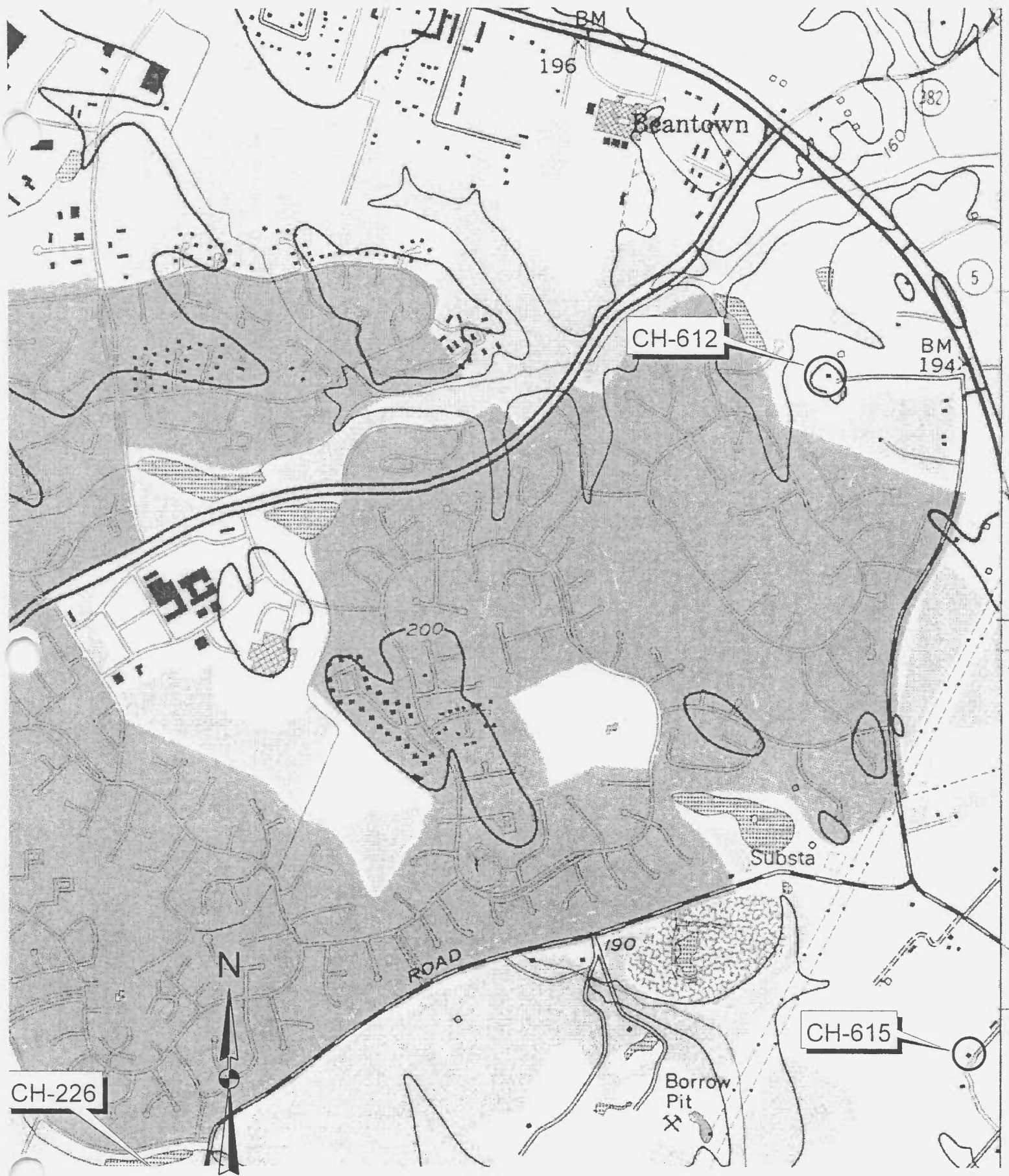
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Charles County, Maryland

Waldorf ☒ Vicinity





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LaPlata, MD Quad



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DWELLING, 3810 RENNER ROAD, CHARLES Co. MD

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EAST ELEVATION

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DWELLING 3810 RENNER ROAD

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LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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SHED & TOBACCO BARN, LOOKING SE

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SHED, LOOKING NORTHWEST

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BARN & WORKSHOP, LOOKING NORTH

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GARAGE & CORN CRIBS, LOOKING NW

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GARAGE, LOOKING NW

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